

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ORDER for ATTORNEY'S FEES

PROUD, Magistrate Judge:

Before the Court is the parties' Agreed Motion for Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act. (**Doc. 27**).

The parties have agreed that plaintiff is entitled to an award in the amount of \$8,500.00, and with no additional amount for costs and expenses.

The Court finds that plaintiff is the prevailing party and is entitled to an award of attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(B). The Court further finds that the agreed upon amount is reasonable and appropriate.

The parties' Joint Motion (**Doc. 27**) is **GRANTED**. The Court awards plaintiff Linda Bittner the sum of **\$8,500.00** for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act. These funds shall be payable to plaintiff, per *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). However, in accordance with the parties' agreement, any part of the award that is not subject to set-off to pay plaintiff's pre-existing debt to the United States shall be made payable to

plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment previously executed by plaintiff and his attorney.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: September 11, 2015.

**s/ Clifford J. Proud
CLIFFORD J. PROUD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**